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1. THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT'S CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS (REFTELS) HAS CREATED A MASS EXODUS OF HAITIANS FROM THE BAHAMAS TO FLORIDA ACCORDING TO EDWARD T. SWEENEY, CHIEF, INS, MIAMI, IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE NASSAU GUARDIAN ON JUNE 20, 1978.

2. SWEENEY WENT ON TO SAY THAT HAITIANS ARE ENTERING FLORIDA ILLEGALLY BY BOAT AND PLANE. THE US COAST GUARD HAS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED HERE, INTERCEPTED A TOTAL OF EIGHT BOATLOADS OFF THE FLORIDA COAST, WITH 189 PERSONS ABOARD, SINCE THE GCOB BEGAN ITS ROUNDUP 12 DAYS AGO.

3. IN A FRONT PAGE STORY ON JUNE 22, THE TRIBUNE REVEALED THAT IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH CARL J. REIDINGER, CHIEF, FLORIDA BORDER PATROL, HAITIANS WERE PAYING A GOING RATE OF \$1,000 BY PLANE AND \$500 BY BOAT TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SMUGGLED INTO FLORIDA. REIDINGER ALSO STATED "THIS IS A RACKET AND BAHAMANS ARE DEFINITELY INVOLVED."

4. NASSAU POLICE HAVE INDICATED THAT HAITIANS BEING DEPORTED AND WHO ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TWO WEEK GRACE PERIOD GRANTED BY THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT ARE FLYING TO GRAND BAHAMAS, BIMINI AND ANDROS

ISLAND WHICH ARE THE CLOSEST JUMPING-OFF PLACES

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